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As a concerned individual, I am writing to express my opposition to the Department of Justice's request that all new Internet communication services be required to have built-in wiretapping access.

I believe this requirement is totally unnecessary. Current longstanding enacted laws already require Internet Service Providers and Internet telephone companies to allow the FBI to conduct surveillance. In addition, there is also other avenues of gaining wire tapping through the secret courts set up specifically for this. The FBI again, is going far beyond these existing powers, by trying to force the industry to actually build its systems around government eavesdropping. And, its wanting corporations to pay for it, sort of like getting prisoners to build their own prison cells. It is the equivalent of the government requiring all new homes be built with a peephole for law enforcement to look through. Those who serve in our government offices have yet to show they are completely honest and integral to gain entry into every nook and cranny of tax paying American citizens. What I've witnessed so far in the so called war on terrorism, has been a continual war on American's rights, freedoms, under the guise of "possible threats." In the mean time, nothing is being done for those government leaders who continue to wage their own personal agenda in undermining world peace by continuing to support and fund those in other countries who are as much terrorists as those the U.S. government currently labels as such. Perhaps we should be wiretapping government officials for their own dishonest ongoing, such as the wiretapping of U.N. delegates offices. Perhaps we should start cleaning up our own leaders offices before wanting to gain entry into citizens homes.

I am deeply concerned that this requirement represents an opportunity to go around Congress. So much for democratic processes. Lawmakers, after extensive deliberations, set up boundaries for how the FBI can collect information beyond sources like phone companies and data sources like e-mail. The FBI's continuing aggressive and expansive interpretation of the law desires to bypass the legislative process to alter that careful balance. It is obvious by its actions that the FBI feels it knows better than congress about such things as democracy, and believes it is above such essential requirements as following the legal laws of which this country was founded upon. J. Edgar Hoover is an example of such thinking and I doubt that sort of thinking has subsided much since then.

I understand that by requiring a master key to our personal communications, the government is creating the very real potential for hackers and thieves or even rogue government agents to access our personal communications. Past efforts to provide this sort of backdoor access have not been successful and only created a rich opportunity for hackers and those who are interested in other things that undermine the democratic principles. The Nixon and Reagan eras are noted for their behind the scenes interactions of illegal actions, and yet they were allowed to get away with it. Another example is the theft of democratic parties computer information. I also understand that current technology allows the NSA to sift through all internet traffic world-wide and has been doing so for some time now.

I urge you to oppose this dangerous undemocratic suggestion of the Department of Justice that our new Internet communication technologies should have

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I look forward to hearing from you on your thoughts about this serious matter.

Regards,

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